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## D. C. COMMISSION WARNS DEALERS AGAINST SALE OF BAD COAL

### UNFIT FUEL BEING SOLD FROM CARS

Some of It 90 Per Cent Waste  
and Buyers Are Cautioned  
to Make Tests.

Commissioner Cuno H. Randolph, president of the Board of District Commissioners, today unearthed an attempt to sell in Washington anthracite coal that is practically "unfit for fuel purposes."

The Commissioner, in the name of the board, took immediate and drastic action to prevent the further flooding of the city with this inferior coal.

**Rudolph's Warning.**  
Mr. Randolph issued the following warning:

"The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have notice of the receipt of several carloads of anthracite coal of the small sizes at the railroad yards in this city, which upon examination has been found to contain a very large percentage of impurities, rendering it practically unfit for consumption. The Commissioners desire to caution prospective purchasers of such coal to carefully test its quality before unloading it, or attempting to deposit it in consumers. Dealers should take notice that sales of such so-called coal, with knowledge of its practical unsuitability for fuel purposes, or after notice not to sell, will be reported to the District Attorney for action by him."

**Coal 90 Per Cent Bad.**  
Commissioner Randolph declined to add anything to this brief statement, but it was learned from other sources that the coal referred to has been found to contain but 10 per cent that is fit for fuel purposes. The other 90 per cent is waste.

Several carloads of this coal, it is said, were received here and sold several days ago. It is being sold at the railroad yards. Three more carloads, it is understood, are en route and others are said to be ready to follow.

The Commissioner's warning was issued this morning in an attempt to prevent the sale of the three carloads en route.

No action it was said, will be taken against dealers who purchased the inferior coal received here several days ago unless these dealers attempt to dispose of it to their customers.

The Commissioner's statement makes it clear that the Public Utilities Commission, which is Washington's official coal administration, is keeping a close watch on all coal brought into the city.

### 6,000,000 TONS OF SOFT COAL READY IN WEEK

Indicated Increase, However,  
Will Be 3,600,000 Tons  
Short.

A production of 6,000,000 tons of bituminous coal is assured for the present week and additional tonnage may raise the total to 6,250,000, the geological survey announced today.

Practically no anthracite coal is being produced.

Despite the increased production this week, due to the reopening of many mines in the middle West following the signing of the Cleveland agreement, production is still below normal, the survey stated.

During the same week a year ago, production totaled 9,640,000 tons, and in the same week in 1920 the production was 13,062,000 tons.

The Association of Railway Executives announced this afternoon that 78,768 cars were loaded with coal in the first four days of the week. This was an increase of 19,082 cars, or 35 per cent, over the total for the first four days of last week, and was the largest number of cars loaded with coal during any four-day period since the miners' strike started last April.

**Job in Navy Yard.**

Examination for a letter and a grainer for work in the Washington Navy Yard will be held by the Labor Board October 1. Application blanks may be obtained from the office of the Labor Board. Appointments will be made in order of application if any emergency should arise before the date of examination. Applications should be filed not later than September 17.

**Woman Sent to Asylum.**

Judge Harrison, in the Police Court, yesterday released Sarah Miller, recently sentenced to sixty days in jail for assaulting her father, Myer Miller, and for contempt of court, and committed her to the Washington Asylum Hospital for observation. The court was told yesterday that the woman had lost her mind.

### HEARD AND SEEN BY BILL PRICE

**JABS AND JOLTS.**  
"Shuffling Phil" will probably now get his "Phil" of shuffling.

The five months coal strike shows that it's hard to keep good men DOWN!

If you could keep the gals on the farm there would be no trouble in keeping the boys there.

Suggested slogan for New York City—"The Thirst of America."

Corn is stacked in shocks and afterwards shocks are stacked in corn.

"Speaking of the return of long skirts," remarked Zeb Perkins, "it will undoubtedly help us men to develop our imagination."

The world was on a gigantic spree for nearly five years during the war. It is only natural therefore that we should have three or four years of delirium tremens following.

**PAUL WHITE.**

Nicky Teene, the cigar clerk, became so old he could not work. So the boss quickly fired him. And when Nicky went out the door, he couldn't come back no more. Still the boss auto retired him. HANK HAWKINS.

**THE ACE OF HEARTS.**

Here is a fine typograph drawing by EMMA WEBER, and every line of the typewriter stands out clearly:



**PERSONAL MENTION.**

We hate to see Congressman Tinkham, of Mass., giving Congressman Volstead so much sass.

A chap jumped in the Potomac to drown. Jumped right out when the water could be found.

Augustus W. Gill and several other hams Have gone to Norfolk to eat crabs and clams.

How is Secretary HOOVER going to keep his eye on the ground now that they have named a new planet "Hooveria"? We advise Herbert to be prepared to feed the starving people of Mars, Venus and other planets now that they have learned who he is.

Our prohibition friends seem to think that somebody has been stuffing the ballot boxes in the "wet" and "dry" poll of the Literary Digest.

Several contrabands, answering "TWO COLLEGIATES," say that there is a dance called "The Sheik" and that it is the creation of JOE BROWN, the dancing master.

**WHAT'S DOING Today and Tomorrow**

**Today.**  
Picnic—South Dakota State Society, Reservoir grounds, afternoon.  
Carnival—Girls of B-S building, Government Hotel, lawn at Union Station Plaza, evening.  
Dance—Community Service, Pythian Temple, 1912 Ninth street northwest, 8:30 p. m.  
Meeting—Ladies Auxiliary to National Capital Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pythian Temple, 8 p. m.  
Meeting—East Washington Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Northeast, Masonic Temple, evening.  
Band Concert—United States Marine Band, White House grounds, 8 p. m.

**Tomorrow.**

Lecture—Unity Society, 300 Homer building, 401 Thirteenth street northwest, 8 p. m.  
Outing—Red Triangle Outing Club, from Foxhall station, 3 p. m.

**Community Dance Tonight.**

Community Service will hold a dance at Pythian Temple this evening.

**AIN'T YOU COMING OUT, DEAR FLAPPER?**

(Tune: "Ain't You Coming Out, Malinda")

Ain't you coming out, dear flapper? How do I stand with your popper? Come on out, oh, darling, do, Me and you, Just us two.

Where the bright moon is shining, And a lonesome heart is pining, I want you near. Do you hear? Flapper, dear!

Ain't you coming out, dear Flapper? Where the lights are burning low! Come on, let's go! IDA.

Because a man threw his shoulder out of joint trying to dress in a Pullman berth there is now agitation for Pullman berth control. Which reminds J. G. H. of the obliging man who gave up his berth on a Pullman to an old lady in distress and then wired his wife: "Can't get home tonight. Just gave berth to an old lady."

**TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS.**

On one of the tombstones in an old New England cemetery appears the following inscription:

Here lies Jonathan Steele Good and Upright Citizen Weighed 250 Pounds Open Wide Ye Golden Portals L. S.

**Provision for Boats.**

"Another problem is the provision of docking facilities for boats. We expect Pacific coast Shriners will charter one or more steamers and make the trip through the Panama canal. Boats are also expected from Boston, New York, and other Atlantic ports. All of these steamers will have to lie in the Washington channel during the week of the convention, and we must make provision for them."

"Thousands will come in chartered Pullman cars, in which they will live during their stay here. I am informed that the Pennsylvania railroad can furnish trackside in this city to accommodate cars for 8,000 to 9,000 persons, and that the Baltimore and Ohio probably can take care of an equal number. This, however, will not be nearly sufficient."

"I have been told by members of the Hotel Men's Association that Washington, though outranked in size by many cities in this country, stands fourth in its capability of taking care of visitors. This city is going to be taxed to its limit next June. The largest crowds in its history will pour in for an entire week. The inaugural crowds, while very large, furnish no such serious problem, as they stay here usually for but a day, the majority of them not requiring sleeping quarters."

"We are already receiving many offers of rooms and entire houses from private owners. These will be taken care of by a special subcommittee, which, with the number of other subcommittees, will probably be appointed within the next week or ten days."

**Autos Present Problem.**

"Another problem which faces us is providing for incoming automobiles. San Francisco Shriners are even now organizing a motor caravan to bring more than 1,000, which will include hundreds of cars. If that number is coming all the way across the continent you may imagine the number which will come by automobile from east of the Mississippi, under the majority of the Shriners live."

"The problem is the largest which has faced this city yet, but the committee is beginning to function smoothly, and, as we have ten months in which to prepare, we expect to be able to take care of the vast crowds without undue confusion."

The finance committee is proceeding steadily with the collection of cash pledges toward the international men fund and expects soon to be able to undertake the raising of the fund of \$250,000, which is to be added to the \$100,000 pledged.

Appointment of chairmen of several new committees will be made by Executive L. Stewart, of Adams Temple, by the beginning of next week, so that they may begin without delay to organize their committees and outline their programs.

**MEN'S WEAR SPECIALISTS TO ATTEND CONVENTION**

Plans for attendance of a large number of Washington dealers in men's clothing at the men's wear style show and convention of the National Retail Clothiers' Association in Madison Square Garden, September 11 to 14 inclusive, will be held at a special meeting of the Men's Wear Trade next Tuesday night. The call was sent out today by L. L. Goldheim, president of the District of Columbia Clothiers and Haberdashers' Association.

Sidney West, chairman of the men's wear section of the M. and M. and Goldheim conferred this morning upon securing a 100 per cent gathering, as it is held of great importance to the local trade that members go to the convention.

**NAVY DOCK ACCOMMODATES BIGGEST SHIP IN HISTORY**

For the first time in local history a 10,500-ton vessel docked yesterday at the navy yard wharf. It is the U. S. S. Nitro which came here with a cargo of guns from the Charleston navy yard. The vessel is manned by 225 men and draws 25 feet of water.

It is 485 feet over all, has a beam of 60 feet and projects 45 feet above the water line. It is in command of Capt. Walter G. Roper, grandson of the Confederate general of that name.

**Club to Name Officers.**

Officers for the Concord Club will be nominated at a meeting next Monday evening at the club house, 314 C street northwest.

### SHRINERS RUSH HOUSING PLANS OF CONVENTION

400,000 Visitors Expected Here for Annual Session Next June.

Plans for the housing of 400,000 visitors during the week of the annual Shrine convention here next June are being pushed today by E. T. Morey, chairman of the Adams Temple committee on hotels and housing. Approximately 300,000 Shriners and fully 100,000 members of their families, guests, and sightseers from all parts of the country are expected.

"The most encouraging feature of my early survey of the housing possibilities here is the splendid spirit of co-operation I am securing from hotel managers," Mr. Morey said. "The imperial potentate of North America, with his official family will require 700 rooms alone, and I have booked for them all the available rooms in the New Willard and Washington Hotels."

"I am going to see if we can secure from the government the use for a week of all spare Government buildings in which we can place cots and so provide quarters for the various bands, drill teams, and drum corps."

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### YOUNGSTERS WOULD ORGANIZE ALL D. C. ASPHALT SKATERS



Left to right: Elwood Doyle, Robert S. Boswell, Irwin Hoover. These Washington youths are anxious to make roller skating more popular in the District. They form the nucleus of an organization which, they say, will eventually be a strong one here. They were snapped in the downtown section while they were "warming up" in the exhilarating pastime.

### OYSTER LAUDS 2 POLICEMEN JUDGE FLAYED

Men Who Arrested Miss Childs Did Duty, Says District Commissioner.

Commissioner James F. Oyster has taken issue with Judge Robert E. Mattingly, of the Police Court, who criticized Policemen C. H. Ford and Thomas Hanley, of the Seventh precinct, for alleged rough handling of Miss Louis Childs, whom they arrested several nights ago.

The Commissioner declares that his investigation shows that these two policemen should have been commended instead of condemned.

"These policemen were fully within their rights in entering the home of Miss Childs," declared the Commissioner, "and in making the arrest they acted in a commendable and efficient manner."

Judge Mattingly was severe in his criticism, resulting in Commissioner Oyster ordering a full and complete investigation. The Commissioner, while not criticizing Judge Mattingly, made it clear yesterday that he believed that the actions of the policemen in making the arrest did not warrant criticism.

The Commissioner was particularly aroused at Judge Mattingly's alleged declaration that policemen should be out hunting bootleggers and murderers instead of dragging women charged with misdemeanors from their homes in the middle of the night.

Commissioner Oyster, it is said, will make some reply to these particular remarks next week. In the meantime, he is preparing a list of the bootleggers arrested during the past year or more and the number of cases which have been disposed of by the court.

The Commissioner has given out figures showing that since March, 1921, 182 alleged bootleggers were arrested. Of this number, eighteen have received sentence, eleven been pressed, three ended through the death of the persons charged. The remainder have not come to trial. The total number of bootlegging charges were 216, some of the alleged bootleggers having been arrested as many as six times.

**"BIG SISTERS" REPORT**

JOBS FOUND FOR GIRLS

Several young girls have been placed in positions and sixty-five homes have been visited and aided by the Big Sisters of the District of Columbia, according to a report by Mrs. Sarah M. Gantley, executive secretary of the organization at a meeting last night.

A charity ball, the proceeds of which will be used to found a shelter for unfortunate girls, will be held September 28 at 2400 Sixteenth street northwest. Plans were outlined for annual convention at Catholic University to be held September 17 to 22 by the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

A meeting of the Big Sisters will be held at Carroll Hall Wednesday to make arrangements for the convention.

### Mrs. Frye Fund

Edward Starr, 3409 Fourteenth street northwest, \$25  
Ellen R. Heard, 226 Upshur street northwest, 2  
B. Bookbinder, 1  
Leo Williamson, 1511 E Street southeast, 1  
Harry Kaufman, 5  
Arthur E. Donnelly, 1807 Quincy street northeast, 1  
Anonymous, 2  
Mrs. L. W. Wilson, 5  
Antoinette R. Montgomery, 2  
Former Gov. official, 10  
Two dollars was left at the Commercial Bank today by "a friend."  
Anonymous, 5  
C. H. Earl, 409 Fourth street northwest, 5  
H. B. Barnhart, 222 B street northwest, 5

### MRS. FRYE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS STILL COMING

Times Gets Check From Former High Administration Official.

Contributions to the fund designed to aid Mrs. Samuel Frye, widow of the Seat Pleasant man shot dead last Saturday, continue to come to The Washington Times.

This morning's mail brought a check for \$10 from a former high official of the Wilson Administration, perhaps prompted by the fact that death threatens his own family, his daughter having been recently seriously injured.

Antoinette R. Montgomery contributed a check for \$2.

Frye was slain in a grocery store at Sixty-first and Dix streets northeast when it was invaded by two armed negro hold-up men. Checks may be sent either through The Washington Times, which will publicly acknowledge them, or to "The Mrs. Samuel Frye Fund," Commercial National Bank.

S. O. Wickline called at The Times office yesterday and did his bit by contributing 50 cents, all that he could afford.

**HUNT FOR MISSING GIRLS**

WHO LEFT HOME AUG. 16

Search has been instituted for Ruth Clarkson, seventeen years old, 1262 1/2 Potomac avenue southeast, and Mabel Sellers, eighteen years old, 318 Sixteenth street southeast. Both girls have been missing from their homes since August 16. They were inmates of the National Training School for Girls, but were paroled in May because of their good behavior at the institution. Their mothers are anxious that they be returned to the school.

Mrs. Mary Sellers learned that the girls were seen at Third and F streets northwest, and she visited nearly two score rooming houses in an attempt to locate her daughter. She learned that they had been stopping in a house in the 400 block of Third street, but that they had been ordered to leave.

### RENT JUSTICES CUT VALUATION OWNER NAMED

Gardiner and Dent Appraisal Slashed \$25,000 and Rent Drop Follows.

Valuation of the apartment house at 1103 Vermont avenue was set at \$25,000 lower than the owner's figures by the District Rent Commission today, in determining rents for two tenants of the property.

The real estate firm of Gardiner and Dent, Inc., was named defendant in cases filed before the commission by Jessie Crockett and Addison D. Peyton, occupants of apartments at the establishment.

Through their attorneys, the firm declared the property to be worth \$100,000, and asked rent increases, due to a small rate of return.

The rent board today valued the property at \$75,000, providing an annual maintenance and repair allowance of \$12,000. The commission stated its determination would give the owners a net rate of return of 8 per cent.

The Peyton apartment rent was reduced from \$50 to \$40, and the Crockett rent was cut from \$40 to \$30.

The commission also reduced the rents of Warder B. Jenkins and E. Ross Bartley in the apartment house at 1315 Belmont street, Jenkins, previously paying \$50, will hereafter have a rent bill of \$42.50 a month. Bartley's rent was dropped from \$65 to \$57.50.

The commission placed a valuation of \$115,000 on the property, and provided for a yearly allowance of \$7,000. A rate of return of 8 per cent was authorized.

**PRISONER IS FURLOUGHED**

TO ATTEND DYING SON

E. F. Doree, a political prisoner serving ten years at Leavenworth, was granted leave by the Department of Justice yesterday to go to the bedside of his four-year-old son, who is believed to be dying. His home is in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Charles Edward Russell obtained Doree's leave by a personal appeal to Attorney General Daugherty, following receipt of a letter from Mrs. Doree expressing fear that the boy would die, and she would lose her reason unless the father were allowed to come home.

**GEORGE W. HALL'S WILL**

DISPOSES OF PROPERTY

George W. Hall's will, filed for probate yesterday, leaves \$1,000 each to Joseph A. Hall, a brother, and Ella B. Goode, a sister. Mrs. Minnie V. Morrow is given premises at 615 Eighth street southwest, and the testator's sister, Virginia V. Gerdes, is given premises at 615 A street southwest. Mrs. Goode is to have the premises at 809 G street, and two nieces, Alice A. and Mary J. Hall, are given the premises at 435-7-9 K street southwest. The rest of the estate is divided in equal shares between Frank P. Hall and Mrs. Gerdes.

**Autos Stolen Here**

During Past 24 Hours

Ford touring, owned by Walter Mitchell, Maryland Park, Montgomery county, Md. Stolen from Eighth and E streets northwest.

Dori touring, owned by Ada Johnson, 2706 Dumbarton avenue, northwest. Stolen from in front of above.

### KNICKERBOCKER CLAIMS CAUSE TILT IN SENATE

Myers and Wadsworth Ridicule Idea Congress Was to Blame for Tragedy.

A stirring debate upon the Knickerbocker disaster—especially with reference to the movement now on foot to have Congress make an appropriation for the survivors and victims of that tragedy—came in the Senate late yesterday.

Sensors Myers of Montana and Wadsworth of New York ridiculed the idea that the Federal Government was in any way obligated to care for the Knickerbocker victims. Strong exceptions to their attitude, however, was taken by Senators Ashurst of Arizona and Robinson of Arkansas.

"I have been astounded to read in the newspapers," said Senator Myers, "that the victims of the Knickerbocker disaster are organizing to demand from Congress money out of the Federal Treasury to compensate them for the suffering which they sustained in person in that frightful catastrophe, or incurred from the death of relatives. I cannot see, to save my life, how on earth the Government can be held legally or morally responsible for any damage that ensued from that disaster. The owners of the building, the contractors who erected it, and so forth, are the parties to whom victims who are now living and relatives of dead victims should look for reparation."

**"Raid on Treasury."**

"The Knickerbocker victims, however, plan an organized raid on the Federal Treasury. The Federal Government is considered easy. We are to have another organized minority knocking at the doors of Congress for a raid on the Federal Treasury. If the victims of that disaster are compensated by Congress, I shall be ready to throw up my hands and say there is no section of the taxpayers of this country that the Federal Treasury is simply open to anyone who chooses to organize and raid it."

Senator Ashurst interrupted the speech to say that he personally vestigated the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater and that he also thought "Congress is to blame when it keeps on its pay roll in this District building inspectors who would approve such a flimsy and dangerous structure."

"Moreover, they are about to rebuild the Knickerbocker Theater on the same site, where the vibration of the cars at the corners of the intersecting streets at almost sufficient to throw down the best-constructed buildings, much less a flimsily constructed building, such as the Knickerbocker was."

"It seems to me that if Congress did its duty and permit such poorly constructed buildings to be approved, we cannot escape some responsibility in the matter. I insist that we have a responsibility that we cannot shift by saying that we do not know anything about it."

**Robinson Defends Plan.**

Sensor Robinson said that while he believed the Federal Government had no legal responsibility to compensate the Knickerbocker victims, he did not see that "there is anything immoral or unjust in Congress giving some consideration to such a proposal for relief in such cases."

"I emphasize the fact that while Congress is exercising its powers, while Congress is performing all the State functions that State can perform, it cannot afford with indifference wash our hands of such accidents as the Knickerbocker disaster."

Sensor Wadsworth stated he had never heard of similar claims being made, and thought it would be just as logical for victims of railroad accidents to sue the Government because the train equipment is inspected by agents of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"This policy of delay ended. It was apparent the claims of compensation for the victims of that tragedy will have strong support when the issue is brought before the Senate."

**NERVOUS DISORDER VICTIM**

KILLS SELF WITH KNIFE

Suffering from nervousness, Robert Lee Lerch, sr., fifty-nine years old, 92 Chestnut street, Takoma, D. C., ended his life this morning shortly before 2 o'clock by stabbing himself in the neck with a pocket knife. He had been an employee of the Navy Department thirty-five years. Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt was summoned to the house and after investigating gave a certificate of suicide. Mr. Lerch had been suffering since May 6 and since that time had undergone two operations.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Lerch, and a daughter, Miss Mary Lerch and a son, Robert L. Lerch, jr.